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## CROP PROGRESS REPORT - NOVEMBER 1, 1998

Crop	1998	1997	Average 1993-1997
<b>CORN:</b>		– Percent –	
Harvested .....	100	99	99
<b>COTTON:</b>			
Bolls opening .....	97	97	94
Harvested .....	66	44	47
<b>PEANUTS:</b>			
Harvested .....	62	60	51
<b>SORGHUM:</b>			
Mature .....	98	99	99
Harvested .....	81	81	87
<b>WHEAT:</b>			
Planted .....	81	85	86
Emerged .....	64	69	73
<b>OTHER FIELD CROPS</b>			
<b>PLANTED:</b>			
Oats .....	77	67	66
<b>HARVESTED:</b>			
Pecans .....	18	7	17
Soybeans .....	95	87	85
Sunflowers .....	83	74	69

## CROP CONDITIONS - NOVEMBER 1, 1998

Item	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Very poor
	-- Percent --				
Cotton .....	4	24	30	25	17
Peanuts .....	12	24	27	17	20
Wheat .....	1	28	40	23	8
Range & pasture .....	5	27	35	21	12

**Summary:** Rain lingered into mid week in some areas with warmer, open conditions returning by late week. Fieldwork was slowed early in the week but activity increased by late week. Producers in Central Texas continued their cleanup operations after flooding. Lots of livestock were dead or still missing. Soil erosion was severe in some areas. Winter ranges and pastures made good progress with additional moisture. Stockers were beginning to move onto wheat pastures in some areas.

### Field Crops:

**Small Grains:** Planting operations were slowed by wet ground in many areas. Some replanting occurred in portions of the state late in the week. Flooding washed out some fields in Central Texas. Recent rains have improved prospects in most areas. Statewide winter wheat condition was rated at 56 percent of normal compared with 74 percent last year.

**Corn:** Harvest was virtually completed by late week.

**Cotton:** Wet conditions continued to cause harvest delays in the Plains through mid week. Yields continued to be good in most remaining fields as progress improved by late week. Some producers will await a hard freeze before beginning harvest. Statewide cotton condition was rated at 51 percent of normal compared with 76 percent last year.

**Grain Sorghum:** Harvest slowly resumed in the Plains as conditions allowed. Many fields still needed additional drying time.

**Peanuts:** Harvest operations resumed by late week in the Plains, although quality was poor in some fields. Harvest also increased in South Central Texas with good yields reported. Statewide peanut condition was rated at 56 percent of normal compared with 70 percent last year.

**Soybeans:** Harvest moved slowly to completion in the Plains as conditions allowed. Good yields continued.

### Commercial Vegetables, Fruit and Pecans

In the **Rio Grande Valley** land preparations slowly continued.

In the **San Antonio-Winter Garden** area planting operations resumed by late week. Some land preparations also were completed.

In **East Texas** sweetpotato harvest continued with high incidence of rotting reporting.

In the **High Plains** harvest operations were winding down by late week.

In the **Trans Pecos** chili and bell pepper harvests continued in a few fields.

**Pecans:** Harvest slowly got underway in North Central and West Texas areas as conditions allowed. Reports of losses continued along many Central Texas rivers, mainly to native river bottom trees.

### Range and Livestock

Native winter pastures improved with recent rains and cooler temperatures. Small grains have also improved with some stockers being moved onto older fields. Livestock conditions continued good in most areas. Many head were still unaccounted for in low-lying flooded areas.

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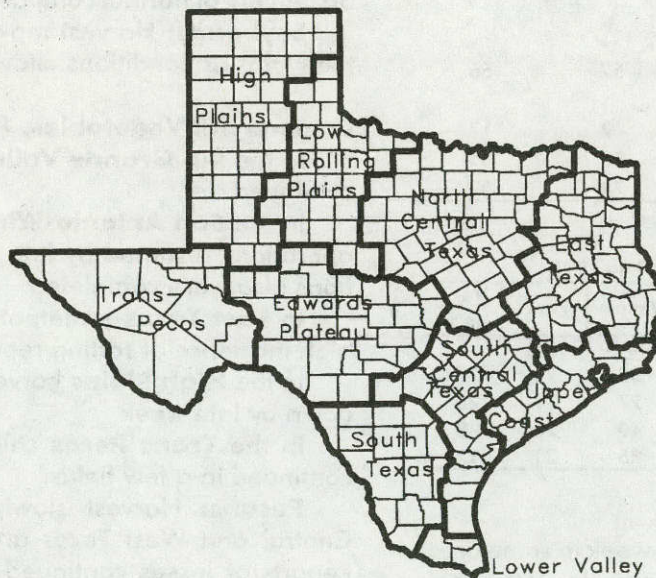


# PRECIPITATION 1/

National Weather Service Climatic Divisions	Previous week's (Oct 25-Nov 1) Accumulation	Month-to-date (Oct 1-31) Accumulation	Year-to-date (Jan 1-Nov 1) Accumulation	1961-90 Annual Normal	Previous three months (Aug-Oct) % of Normal
High Plains	3.08	4.49	14.10	18.87	110
Low Rolling Plains	1.73	3.12	12.79	23.78	54
North Central Texas	1.08	4.89	21.67	34.00	87
East Texas	0.87	5.75	32.44	45.69	143
Trans Pecos	0.48	1.60	5.53	12.96	56
Edwards Plateau	1.05	2.89	18.09	24.01	109
South Central Texas	0.55	8.23	27.81	34.48	171
Upper Coast	0.50	5.32	37.54	47.63	157
South Texas	0.07	2.81	15.47	23.49	123
Lower Valley	0.08	0.45	16.48	25.34	110

1/ Average of all stations reporting precipitation data.

Source: National Weather Service.



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